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## WEST VIRGINIA CROP ACREAGE FOR 2016

**Charleston, West Virginia** – Winter wheat planted in West Virginia for 2016 is estimated at 8,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from 2015. The projected harvest for grain is 4,000 acres, unchanged from 2015.

Corn planted is estimated at 50,000 acres, unchanged from 2015. Growers expect to harvest 35,000 acres for grain, unchanged from last year.

Soybean planted acreage is estimated at 28,000 acres, up 1,000 acres from 2015. Harvested acreage is projected at 27,000 acres, up 1,000 acres from 2015.

All hay harvested is forecast at 590,000 acres, unchanged from last year. Alfalfa hay harvested is expected to total 20,000 acres, unchanged from last year. Other hay harvested is expected to be 570,000 acres, unchanged from last year.

These estimates were based on results from the June 1, 2016, Agricultural Survey.

## UNITED STATES WITH 2015 COMPARISONS

Corn planted for all purposes - 94.1 million acres, up 7 percent.

Biotechnology varieties as a percent of all corn planted:

Insect resistant (biotech) - 3% of 2016 crop, 4% of 2015 crop;

Herbicide resistant - 13% of 2016 crop, 12% of 2015 crop;

Stacked gene - 76% of 2016 crop, 77% of 2015 crop;

All Biotech varieties - 92% of 2016 crop, 92% of 2015 crop.

Corn harvested for grain - 86.6 million acres, up 7 percent.

Winter wheat planted - 36.5 million acres, down 7 percent.

Winter wheat harvested for grain - 30.2 million acres, down 6 percent.

Oats planted - 3.0 million acres, down 2 percent.

Oats harvested for grain - 1.2 million acres, down 9 percent.

All tobacco harvested - 311,150 acres, down 5 percent.

Burley tobacco harvested - 75,900 acres, down 4 percent.

All hay for harvest - 56.1 million acres, up 3 percent.

Alfalfa hay for harvest - 18.1 million acres, up 2 percent.

Other hay for harvest - 38.1 million acres, up 4 percent.

Soybeans planted - 83.7 million acres, up 1 percent.

Biotechnology varieties as a percent of all soybeans planted:

Herbicide resistant - 94% of 2016 crop, 94% of 2015 crop;

All Biotech varieties - 94% of 2016 crop, 94% of 2015 crop.

Soybeans for harvest - 83.0 million acres, up 1 percent.